

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Docket No. 1551)

In re the Application of:)	
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	Josh Zerlan and Wei Kao)	
)	Group Art Unit 2683
Serial No.:	09/842,550)	
)	Examiner: Sharad Rampuria
Filed:	April 25, 2001)	_
	-)	Confirmation No. 7607
For:	Method and System For)	
	Automatic Testing Of)	
	Network Elements)	

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants express appreciation for the Examiner's allowance of the present application. Applicants understand that the Examiner has thoroughly examined the claims and prior art of record and has concluded that art of record, whether considered alone or in combination, fails to disclose or suggest the entirety of each combination of steps and/or structure recited by each of the allowed claims.

In stating reasons for allowance of all of the claims, the Examiner appears to have used language from claim 1. Applicants understand the Examiner's use of this language to be merely

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convenient paraphrasing. Such paraphrasing, however, does not change the language set forth in any of the claims, and Applicants do not understand the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to have intended any such change. Thus, Applicants do not acquiesce to any suggestion that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance changes the language set forth in any of the claims.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that the reasons for allowance are clear from the record of prosecution as a whole and, thus, a separate Statement of Reasons for Allowance is unnecessary in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 10/20/05

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